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DRAFT REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE FIRST PART OF ITS THIRTY-FOURTH SESSION

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Addendum

PROGRAMME QUESTIONS

Report on the triennial review of the implementation of the recommendations made by the Committee on the development issues and policies programme: Economic Commission for Africa

1. At its 9th meeting, held on 19 May 1994, the Committee considered the report on the triennial review of the implementation of the recommendations made by the Committee on the development issues and policies programme: Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) (E/AC.51/1994/5).

Discussion

2. The Committee was informed that the Conference of Ministers of ECA had had the report on the triennial review before it at its session from 26 April to 5 May 1994. In resolution 777 (XXIX), on the Multinational Programming and Operational Centres (MULPOCs), the Conference took note of the recommendations contained in the report.

3. A number of delegations considered that the recurrent theme in the report was the inadequate resources allocated to ECA to fulfil its mandates. Other delegations maintained that the lack of quality of the work was a recurrent theme.

4. A number of delegations considered the report to be a modest effort to discuss the institutional quality of ECA and of the MULPOCs and that redeploying staff to the MULPOCs might not make them more useful. They stated that the usefulness of the MULPOCs should be reviewed. Some delegations considered that the institutional strength of the MULPOCs and ECA in general should be enhanced.

Recommendations

5. The Committee endorsed the recommendations contained in the report.